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## MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Fakalofa lahi atu from the SPREP Campus,

The month of March brought about a number of exciting new developments not only for the Secretariat but our Member countries.

We officially launched the e-Learning Platform at the Pacific Climate Change Centre, which will enable our Pacific island people to access information, foster learning and engage in dialogue on various climate change issues faced by our Pacific island countries today. The platform comes at a time where we find ourselves in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has rendered us unable to deliver most of our face-to-face training and capacity building. In order to reach our members during this pandemic, the PCCC has taken onboard blended learning through online courses and through this e-Learning platform. I would like to once again acknowledge the generous support of the Government of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency, as well as the Government of Ireland, which has enabled us to develop and officially launch this important platform.

I wish you all a blessed month ahead.

Soifua,



Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

## SPREP-Tok - NEWS FROM SPREP



### E-LEARNING PLATFORM TO BROKER CLIMATE CHANGE KNOWLEDGE IN THE PACIFIC REGION

An online learning platform where Pacific island people can access information, foster learning, and engage in dialogue on climate change impacts, knowledge, capacity needs and innovation was launched at the Pacific Climate Change Centre in Samoa.

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NEW SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MAJURO, RMI, ENDORSED



A Plan which carries the vision of “A Clean and healthy Marshall Islands for today and future generations” was recently endorsed by the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES ENHANCING SERVICE DELIVERY THROUGH GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION (GESI)



Steps to enhance Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in our Pacific National Meteorological and Hydrological Services are underway as the region strives to enhance climate information and service delivery for all.

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ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING IN TONGA



Tonga ratified the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilisation in 2019. Tonga has now completed a two-day workshop to help stakeholders action the Protocol at the national level.

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ROLLING OUT TOOLS FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROJECTS



Orientation sessions on using impact assessment tools were recently held with representatives from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Palau, who along with Tonga, have been selected to trial an impact methodology to assess past climate change adaptation interventions.

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INVASIVE SPECIES IDENTIFIED AS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR PACIFIC REGION AREAS



A second virtual informal session was held from 24 – 26 February giving the opportunity for participants interested in the 24th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity to meet again to discuss key issues.

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ADVANCING ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING IN SAMOA



Showing Pacific leadership, Samoa has made significant progress on how their genetic resources may be accessed. The island nation has now both providers and users agree on the fair and equitable sharing on benefits that may arise from their use.

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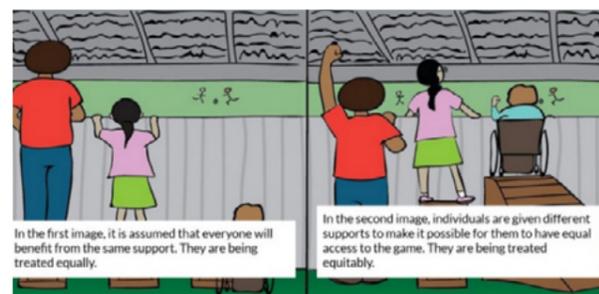
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE TRAINING DELIVERED BY FSM ADAPTATION FUND PROJECT



Ensuring that the people in six outer islands of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Yap in FSM have access to clean water for consumption and are managing their training carried out by the FSM Adaptation Fund Project in partnership with the United Nations Children’s Fund.

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TRAINING CONTINUES IN A SERIES HIGHLIGHTING IMPORTANCE OF GESI IN PACIFIC MET SERVICES



Raising awareness on the importance of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion and sharing ideas on how to achieve this in the important work that is done by Pacific National Meteorological and Hydrological Services is at the core of an ongoing series of trainings.

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BUILDING VANUATU’S ENVIRONMENTAL DATA FOUNDATION



Vanuatu is preparing a State of Environment report to help guide future decision making. A strong foundation to this is the information and data from a wide range of sectors and stakeholders. the Protocol at the national level.

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WEEDING OUT INVASIVE SPECIES ACROSS THE PACIFIC



Controlling invasive plants using natural enemies is a technique that has been used to manage weeds worldwide for over 100 years, and was the topic of a five-day virtual training held for Pacific island countries.

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INFORMED IMPACT IN PACIFIC WITH ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL DATA



Support for informed decision making when it comes to our environment, grows across the Pacific islands through the Inform Project. It has helped Pacific islands to access their national environmental data sets to ensure data drive and support decision making.

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PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE TRAINING INITIATIVE EXTENDED TO 2023



Opportunities to build your understanding of climate change, through a partnership between the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Pacific Climate Change Centre, have been extended through to 2023.

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